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Subject: FW: new interest

Juan & Diane,

I just spoke with my management about the upcoming CIG meeting and about some recent email traffic. I was told that the EPA Region 7 website would be going away in the future and so I would need to find another method for posting the Occidental groundwater reports currently uploaded to our website. I was also told that for a number of the sites we work with, EPA requires the facility to create a local public repository where finalized investigation and remedy selection documents associated with corrective action activities can be viewed by concerned citizens. I only know of one person related to this site that has been complaining about a lack of shared information, but there could be others I don't know about. I think Occidental needs to establish such a repository at a publicly available location, such as a local library and furnish it with copies of approved documents on the subject matter of the corrective action activities. If the repository has the capacity to provide computers for adequate access to electronic information, hardcopies may not be necessary. It probably will not be necessary to provide all historical documents; however, some of them will be appropriate if they support corrective action decisions that have been or will be made in the future. Please let me know if this is something Occidental is willing to do per this email, or if more discussion is needed. Finally, I wanted to let you know that I would like to attend the April 29th meeting. Thank you.

Also, below is a copy of an email I sent out yesterday fyi.

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Phil, This is my first day back from my vacation, but I wanted to get back with you as soon as I could. I did make sure to get the most recent Semi-Annual Report uploaded to our website in early March before my vacation, so I hope you've already seen that.

1. I have no recollection of public email notifications. We typically seek public input on major permit actions and remedy selections, so maybe that's what was going on that you are remembering.
2. Occidental has 14 interceptor wells in operation and they have state NPDES permit(s) for discharge of treated water from 6 of those 14. IW-41 and IW-42 previously existed and each has their own dedicated treatment system similar to the newest one utilizing granular activated carbon, so combined they are managing up to 6 off-site wells with treatment including IW-40, 44, 45 & 46..

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3. The NPDES permit indicates approximately 600 gpm average discharge from the new treatment system, and approximately 100 gpm from each of the former systems. The NPDES permit was approved by KDHE's BOW in December of 2013. Actual flow rates will be adjusted for plume capture and will vary over time.
4. Each of the wells would have first been sampled shortly after installation; therefore, to find the installation dates, check in the semi-annual report for general installation info.

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Good morning,

I have been interested in the site now known as Oxy Wichita since 1968 when I worked there for the next 24 years. I have not been active in the situation for a few years believing through early questioning the EPA will fairly represent the people in the determination of severe contamination of what was once pristine soil. I realize it will never be returned to pristine condition, but some clean up is possible.

Recent actions have again awoken my interest and I have a few questions. What happened to the public email notifications of activity noted to be public interest? They quit around the time there was a change in EPA region 7 leadership.

The first ever filtering and reuse of contaminated off site ground water is underway. What wells are being routed to the charcoal filters? What are the flow rates? What year did these wells first get analysed? Thank you.